

ITEM: 13**SUBJECT:**

Homestake Mining Company of California, Reed Mine And Upper Davis Creek
Remediation Project, Yolo County

BOARD ACTION

Other Business on the Summary Agenda

BACKGROUND

Homestake Mining Company of California (Homestake) owns and controls the Reed Mine and Upper Davis Creek area (Site) upstream from the Davis Creek Reservoir in Yolo County. The Site includes several legacy mercury mines with associated underground workings, mining waste piles, and the former Reed Mine processing area. Homestake proposed the Reed Mine and Upper Davis Creek Remediation Project (Project). The goal of the Project is to clean up and abate the Reed Mine mercury mining wastes to minimize further erosion and impact to surface waters along the Upper Davis Creek and its tributaries and to comply with the Cleanup and Abatement Order R5-2017-0710 (Order). The Project would meet these goals by removing mine waste (waste rock and tailings) located close to the surface water channels along the Upper Davis Creek and its tributaries. Additionally, the Project will protect human health and the environment by removing process residuals that contain elevated levels of mercury.

The Central Valley Water Board has assumed the role of lead agency for the Project for the purposes of satisfying the requirements of the California the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)(Pub. Resources Code, § 21000 et seq.). Copies of the Draft Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration were transmitted to or made available to all agencies and persons known to be interested in these matters. All public comments on the proposed project were addressed. Additional mitigation measures and permitting requirements were added to address the submitted comments. None of the comments identified new significant impacts or showed how impacts previously thought to be insignificant and should instead be considered significant. The resolution is to approve the enclosed Final Initial Study and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan and adopt the enclosed Mitigated Negative Declaration.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of the resolution as proposed.

Mgmt. Review: RB
Legal Review: JMJ

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